

Ellsworth Public Library Building/Space Committee Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2021
388 W. Main St. | Ellsworth, WI

Present: Mindy Anderson, Paul Bauer, Tony Birkel, Pam Enger, Caroline Herfindahl, Sharon Hofmeister, Tiffany Meyer, Roger Nelson, Sharon Schulze, John Thompson, Jeanette Wright; Also present: Ayres architect Jodi Nelson

Absent: Mike Foley, Milt Helmer, Linda Johnson, Charlie Kummer, Meghan Kummer, Judy Perkins, Ron Reigle

The meeting of the Ellsworth Library Building committee was called to order by chair Paul Bauer at 6:32 p.m.

Quorum was established and the meeting was in compliance with open meeting law.

Appointment of Note Taker: Tiffany Meyer

Motion was made by Pam Enger and seconded by Sharon Schulze to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tony Birkel and seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Current Business:

A fundraising update was shared with the committee via email earlier in the day, including a \$250,000 pledge from an anonymous local donor. Tony Birkel reported that much of the success was due to the selection of the site. Sharon Schulze shared news of a \$10,000 grant from Mayo.

New Business:

The new Ayres proposal (approved by the Library Board last week) includes the following changes from initial discussions – consideration of outdoor spaces and less emphasis on the restrooms.

Project architect Jodi Nelson shared boards with the level of demolition included in the proposal and the potential layout of the space. The committee toured the space with Nelson, then gathered to discuss possible changes. Nelson will make changes and share the revised layout.

The meeting was adjourned by Paul Bauer at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting: June 21 at 6:30 p.m. at 388 W. Main St.